

There were outbreaks of violence in Buenos Aires tonight, following an address by President Peron, the Argentine strongman. An address -- punctuated by two ~~xxxx~~ bomb explosions. Peron made drastic statements to a crowd of one hundred thousand, declaring that he intends to purge his own political party, and punish -- "pfofiteers and rumor mongers." It sounded like some sort of revolutionary development, promised by Peron. And, in the middle -- a bomb went off. Followed -- by another explosion three minutes later.

The ~~blasts~~ blasts occurred in the entrance of the city subway about a block from the place where Peron was speaking.

Whereupon, supporters of the strongman went on a rampage -- infuriated by the bombs. They stormed and set fire to the offices of a Socialist newspaper -- and had to be driven off by the police, with tear gas bombs. To prevent the fire from spreading.

SOUTH AFRICA

This was election day in South Africa, and the excitement was increased by an explosion in the city of Pretoria. Two opponents of the "white supremacy" program were killed. The rumor was that the blast was the doing of nationalist elements who support Premier ~~Malan~~ ^{Malan} and his program of racial segregation. However, the police believe that it was an old artillery shell dating back to the Boer War -- which ~~had~~ exploded accidentally. Accident or not, it made things all the more tense as the voters went to the polls in what is called the most momentous general election in the history of South Africa.

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The principality of Laos, in Southeastern Asia made an appeal today -- to the United Nations. Protesting against an invasion by the Communists of Northern Indo-China. The U.N. is asked to denounce the aggression.

Indo-China, long a scene of Red civil war, consists of three associated states. One -- the Kingdom of Laos, of ancient story and legend. Called -- the "land of millions of elephants". Which certainly does apply to its jungles and cities -- ~~the~~ ^{that's} elephant country. The King, ~~is~~ a monarch with a royal resounding name -- King Sisavang Vong, who rules under French protection. Hitherto, the Communists of the rebel state of Viet Minh, to the North, have let Laos alone. But now -- a sudden ~~is~~ invasion, forcing ^{the} withdrawal of French forces.

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He calls the invaders -- "bands coming from outside, and aided by foreign powers". Which presumably would include - aid from Red China. The appeal indicates that the French delegation to the U N will be asked to ^{place} ~~bring~~ the case before the Security Council and ^{seek to} have the invasion branded as "Communist aggression."

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From Eisenhower headquarters the announcement -- that the President's address in Washington tomorrow will be a major discussion of international affairs, Korea, the cold war. ~~Tomorrow, the President will leave his vacation place at Augusta, Georgia, and fly to Washington --~~ ^{He'll} for a talk at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. ~~That's been on schedule for days and now the White House Secretary Jim Hagerty announces -- that the President will take the occasion to make important declarations on efforts to end the war in Korea and on the prospects of improving relations ~~between the East and West.~~~~

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season for the Washington Senators, ^{World affairs and baseball --} an example of
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KOREA

The news is calling it -- "freedom road".

The dispatches from Korea give that name to the battered highways of North Korea, ~~xit~~ along which prisoners of war ~~be~~ are being taken. But its also "freedom road" for the Reds who are applying the ~~xxx~~ name to their own supply routes in that area. It's immune ~~in~~ from air attack -- our commanders taking no chance of bombing prisoner convoys by mistake. So, today, those highways were swarming with enemy trucks.

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Our pilots today

They returned reporting that it was hard

to distinguish the marked convoys, because there were

so many other vehicles -- pushing along everywhere

in that area ^{that is} guaranteed against bombing. Hitherto,

~~Red supply trucks have been moving principally at~~

~~night, using the darkness for keeping them from~~

~~air attack. But now, out in the wide open daylight,~~

~~along "freedom road." The Reds taking full advantage~~

of the exchange of prisoners -- and you'd think

they'd show some sort of return courtesy. But no,

they blazed away at our scout planes with anti-

aircraft fire -- although they knew the ^{planes were} ~~planes~~

just looking, with no intention of attacking.

On the other side of the prisoner exchange,

news that ~~just~~ shows the cussedness of the Reds.

Communists on their way to be liberated, ^{staying} ~~stayed~~

a sit-down strike. They were being taken from camps

on Cheju Island to the port of Pusan. And there

-- refused to disembark. Chinese Reds stayed sitting

on the deck, ^{Land wouldn't} ~~refusing to~~ move.

Which surprised American officers no end. These ill and injured captives were known to be hard core Communists, fanatical Reds, who would be eager to return to Communism. But they made demands, refusing to land until their quarters at Pusan had been inspected. The paradox would seem to be explained on the assumption -- that the Reds were just trying to make trouble. Same tactics of obstruction the Communists use whenever they can.

The sit down strike was broken, when U.S. Infantrymen appeared with fixed-bayonets, and wearing gas masks. Tear gas would soon chase the ~~xit~~ sit-down strikers off the boat. They knew that, and gave up in a hurry -- marching off, submitting to a threat of tear gas.

U N

(In the U N, tonight, the American delegation challenged the Soviets on the subject of prisoner exchange. Referring that is, to all prisoners of war. Moscow delegate Vishinsky made a long ambiguous declaration, supporting proposals put forward by Red China. ~~xxxx~~ All so vague -- that the U N delegation challenged, with a demand for ~~xxxx~~ verification.)

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AMMUNITION SHORTAGE

(In Washington -- testimony blaming the ammunition shortage in Korea on a directive issued by General George Marshall, then Secretary of Defense. Lieutenant General Decker, the Army Comptroller ~~is~~ told a Senate Committee that in September of Nineteen Fifty, General Marshall instructed the armed forces to act on the assumption that the Korean war would be over in a year. Result, there was a slowdown in ammunition production. (But the war still goes on, more than two and a half years later -- and ammunition ran short.))

MEXICANS

Congress passed a bill today to continue the importation of Mexicans for ^(seasonal) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ farm work. The vote, in the House, two hundred and fifty-nine to eighty-seven, giving the administration the authority to extend an agreement with Mexico. Last year under the arrangement, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand workers crossed the Rio Grande -- to do farm labor during the season. More are expected this year.

WEATHER

The upper middle west had a blizzard today.

Ten to fourteen inches of snow in South Dakota with driving snow storms howling through Iowa, Nebraska, and other north central states. Winds -- up to ninety miles an hour.

~~The weather man on his bad behavior in this fourth week of spring -- but you'd never suspect it here ^{in Utah - at} Salt Lake City. In the western mountain states warm sunshine and balmy breeze.~~

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BRITAIN

Big doings in London -- following a new financial program announced by the Conservative government. Prime Minister Churchill's cabinet has introduced a budget calling for a cut of British taxes -- together with other measures to ease that British ~~max~~ austerity. Adding to the gaiety -- of Coronation year. So London responds with plenty of reverberations.

Today, there was a stock market boom, securities going up all over the place, stockbrokers lining up in a rush to buy. (~~The lead was taken by high grade industrial securities -- and by Government bonds. The price of war loan bonds rose one dollar and forty cents, climbing to a new high.~~) In the foreign exchange market the pound sterling marched upward. ~~The~~ British economic life responding to the promise of a tax cut.

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MURDERS

In London, the police have made a gruesome discovery. In a dingy flat in ^a ~~the~~ slum area, they found the bodies of three women, sealed in the walls, behind the wall paper. The latest ^{is} ~~is what they~~ ~~call~~ the case of the "Notting Hill strangler".

John R. Christie, a fifty-five year old clerk of mild appearance, is charged with multiple murders. They say he ~~just~~ killed his wife last December and hid the body in his Notting Hill flat. Now these other three atrocious discoveries in the gloomy apartment.

The drab work-a-day clerk was arraigned at a London court today -- in as sinister a crime case as you'll find in the long annals of English justice.

He became involved in scandals, with charges of immorality, and was often denounced as pro-Soviet. These allegations were mentioned -- when Charlie Chaplin went abroad with his American wife Lillian, last September. The Attorney General announced that he would not be permitted to re-enter

CHAPLIN

Charlie Chaplin is not going to return to the United States. That would seem to be the meaning of what he did -- in Switzerland. He's visiting that Alpine country, and ^{today he} at Geneva/handed over to U.S. officials -- his "re-entry permit", which is the document that would enable him to come back to this country.

As everybody knows, Charlie Chaplin had a long fabulous career in this country -- without ever becoming an American citizen. ~~He arrived here from England in Nineteen Ten -- and was granted permanent residence as an ~~strick~~ alien. He went on to become a comic immortal -- and a millionaire. But never changed his alien status.~~

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the United States until an investigation had been made.

But now it seems -- he won't return. The Department of Justice declares that, by giving up his "re-entry permit", Charlie Chaplin has renounced his residence in this country.

FOLLOW CHAPLIN

A late dispatch from Switzerland quotes a friend of Charlie Chaplin as explaining why the famous comic has decided not to return to the United States. "Important people there have been unkind to him," says the friend. Who adds -- that Chaplin has not decided definitely where he is going to live in the future. But it will be -- in Europe.

The lady in the case, a German Frau - Dr. Margaret Meyer, librarian at an American Service Club.

Wrote that she related that he planned to marry the Frau. But last December, he fell ill - - and, while he was in the hospital, the Frau fell in love with U.S. Army Captain Charles Farley, who came from Tennessee.

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DUEL

At Frankfurt, Germany, an American court is considering -- a challenge to a duel. An American civilian official hurling ~~the~~ defiance at a U.S. Army Captain -- all for the love of a lady.

The challenger is Blondell E. Groseclose who hails from Idaho. ~~His~~ His post -- that of Assistant Chief historian to the U.S. Twelfth Air Force.

The lady in the case, a German frau - Dr. Margarete Meyer, librarian at an American Service Club.

Groseclose relates that he planned to marry the frau. But last December, he fell ill - - and, while he was in the ~~the~~ hospital, the frau fell in love with U.S. Army Captain Charles Tarpley, who comes from Tennessee.

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weapons. To wit: loaded thirty-eight caliber Smith and Wesson pistols, with the intention that one of the parties shall lose his life."

So -- what to do about it? That's what puzzles the U.S. court. They're supposed to follow German law - which forbids duelling, and provides a prison sentence. But, the sentence must be served in a "fortress". Not in any common jail for criminals. Which reminds us of the romantic days of the past when an officer, or any person of high rank, would be confined to a "fortress". Same for duelling --an offense of honor.

The trouble is that the U.S. Army in Germany hasn't got any "fortress" which would satisfy German law.

So, by way of a compromise, they've ordered Blondell E. Groseclose to undergo a mental examination. The doctors might find a challenge to a duel to be -- slightly whacky. *TP And now my always sensible colleague - N. Case,*